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From: Bosscher, Valerie
Sent: Wed 1/18/2017 8:46:47 PM
Subject: RE: Media request -- East Chicago

FYI, my notes from a call with IDEM on 12/8/2016 indicate orthoP may have been increased later in October than what the reporter is indicating:

- IDEM asked the City to increase ortho-P in October. On October 31, City confirmed raised feed, are shooting for 1.0 mg/L (as orthoPhosphate, within a 70ortho-30poly blend) in the distribution system. Some recent distribution system sampling indicated 1.0-1.9 mg/L as ortho-P in November.

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We collected our first sequential samples in East Chicago at one home on September 28, 2016.

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On Jan 18, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Bassler, Rachel <Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rita,

I spoke with Chris and he advised that I reach out to you. Below is a reporter request for the chronology of water testing (if you recall, this was brought up during Chris's interview with the reporter last week). Could you put together a draft response? Just to let you know, the reporter is also waiting to hear back from IDEM and they city about this topic. She is hoping to get a response from us tomorrow.

Thanks,

Rachel

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From: Bassler, Rachel

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:55 AM

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Subject: FW: Media request -- East Chicago

Hi Chris,

Please see the highlighted section below. Do we have the chronology information that Sarah is looking for? And can we respond to whether EPA began water testing before October?

Thanks,

Rachel

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From: Sarah Reese [<mailto:Sarah.Reese@nwi.com>]

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Subject: Media request -- East Chicago

Hi Rachel,

I'm trying to follow up on a few things. I happen to be working today (Saturday), but I'm not expecting any response until Monday.

First, can we set up an interview with someone at EPA who can explain the indoor dust screening level?

Second, did Chris Korleski look further into the chronology of the water testing? It appears the city is saying orthophosphate use began in September, which is before sequential testing of water would have started in zone 3 (because sequential testing was done in conjunction with excavation, which began Oct. 1, right?) So, did EPA do any water testing before

October?

Has EPA issued any official recommendations on drinking water in East Chicago? If so, can you either point me to where such guidance is on the website or provide me with a copy?
Has EPA mailed any guidance to individual residences?

Perhaps some of this could be cleared up in another on-the-record interview with Mr. Korleski or someone else? If you need a clearer list of questions, let me know and I can provide it.

Thanks,

Sarah

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